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1835-1837/1870's

719-737 S. Hanover St. (East side)

Baltimore, Md.

Private access

The east side of the 700 block of S. Hanover St. is improved by a row of 2 1/2 story brick houses built for a working class market in 1835-1837 by William G. Read and his wife Sophia Howard Read on property allotted to her in the division of the real estate of her father John Eager Howard. The houses are two bays wide and two rooms deep, with dormer windows, and are typical of the type of late versions of Federal-style houses built in the area in the late 1830's and early 1840's. 721, 725-727, and 729-733 S. Hanover St. all remain in close to their original condition, although the facade of the latter group has been stuccoed. 719 and 723 S. Hanover St. were enlarged and remodeled after the Civil War and now are three stories in height with shed roofs and bracketed cornices. The large three story high, six bay wide brick corner building at 735-737 S. Hanover St. with its Italianate-style bracketed cornice and hooded lintels, represents either a replacement or enlargement of the original 2 1/2 story houses on the site and was built in the 1870's to serve the same combined commercial/residential function that it does today.

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

729-733 S. Hanover St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

#### OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH

#### PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

#### STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
☒ ACCESSIBLE  
☒ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

#### PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER:

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION****CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT      ☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ GOOD          ☐ RUINS  
☒ FAIR          ☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This row of three 2 1/2 story houses with gable roofs and a single dormer apiece were constructed as a unit in the late 1830's, along with other similarly scaled houses along this side of Hanover St.

The individual houses are each 2 1/2 stories in height and two bays wide. 729 and 731 S. Hanover St. are approximately 16 1/2' wide; 733 is 14' wide. The original brick facade has been covered with a pseudo-Elizabethan stucco design, imitating half-timbering. The group has a continuous, low-pitched gable roof covered with asphalt sheets, but retaining the original wooden snow-guards. The dormer windows have broken pediments and 6/6 sash where it still remains intact. They closely resemble the dormers on the adjoining group of houses, 725-727 S. Hanover St. Each house has a plain rectangular chimney located on its south side. A simple brick cornice runs continuously across the facade.

The original fenestration pattern of the first floor was apparently altered at the time the facade was remodeled and today none of the original doors or first floor sash remain. Because of the applied stucco, the original configuration of the lintels and sills has been obscured, but one can assume the house had flat wooden lintels and sills similar to that of their neighbors 725-727 S. Hanover St. Original 6/6 sash seem to have survived on the second floor and dormer window openings of 731 and 733. 729 has modern sash with 1/1 lights on the second floor and 2/2 lights on the first floor. The first floor sash of 731 and 733 are modern 2/2 storm windows. The original door and single first floor window design of each house has been changed to a central doorway with flanking narrow windows. The doors are modern panel type with exterior storm or screen doors. A single stone stoop leads to each entrance and is flanked by attached poured concrete "seats." A rectangular headed alleyway extends back between 729 and 731 S. Hanover St.

The floor plans of these houses, currently inhabited, have remained relatively unchanged since their date of construction. They conform to the standard type associated with 2 1/2 story structures in the area, as elucidated particularly by their neighbor, 725 S. Hanover St. For general floor plan see under 725 S. Hanover St.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1836-1840

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Developed by Wm. G. Read

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

These houses are significant as being part of a group of 2 1/2 story houses with dormer windows built in the late 1830's by Wm. G. Read, the son-in-law of John Eager Howard, on vacant land allotted to his wife Sophia in the division of the real estate of her father. The houses are interesting as examples of the late use of the Federal style. The facades at one time resembled the facades of the neighboring pair of houses at 725-727 S. Hanover St. but the windows have been replaced by modern sash and the brick facade covered with stucco, thus destroying the original Federal-style appearance of the houses.

The houses were designed to provide inexpensive housing for the growing number of workers moving into the Federal Hill area to work in waterfront-related jobs. The floor plan follows the pattern established for earlier working class housing in the area, with small front and back rooms on each floor, and with enclosed, tightly winding stairs set between the two rooms. The kitchen was located in a low ceilinged rear addition.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

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DATE

2/79

STREET &amp; NUMBER

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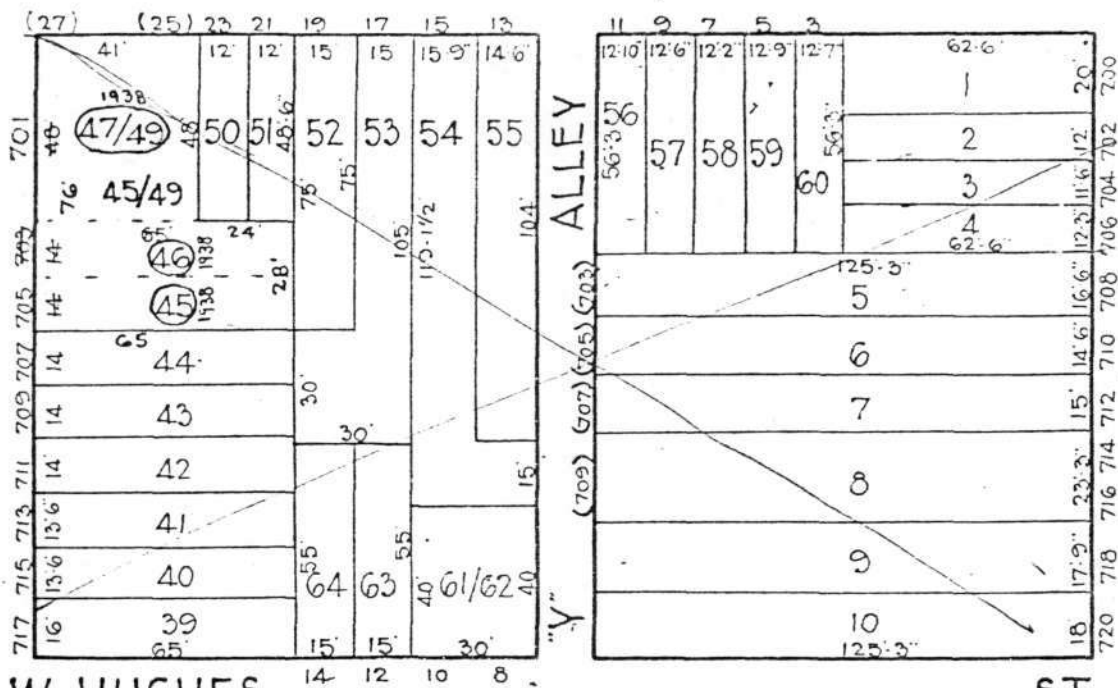
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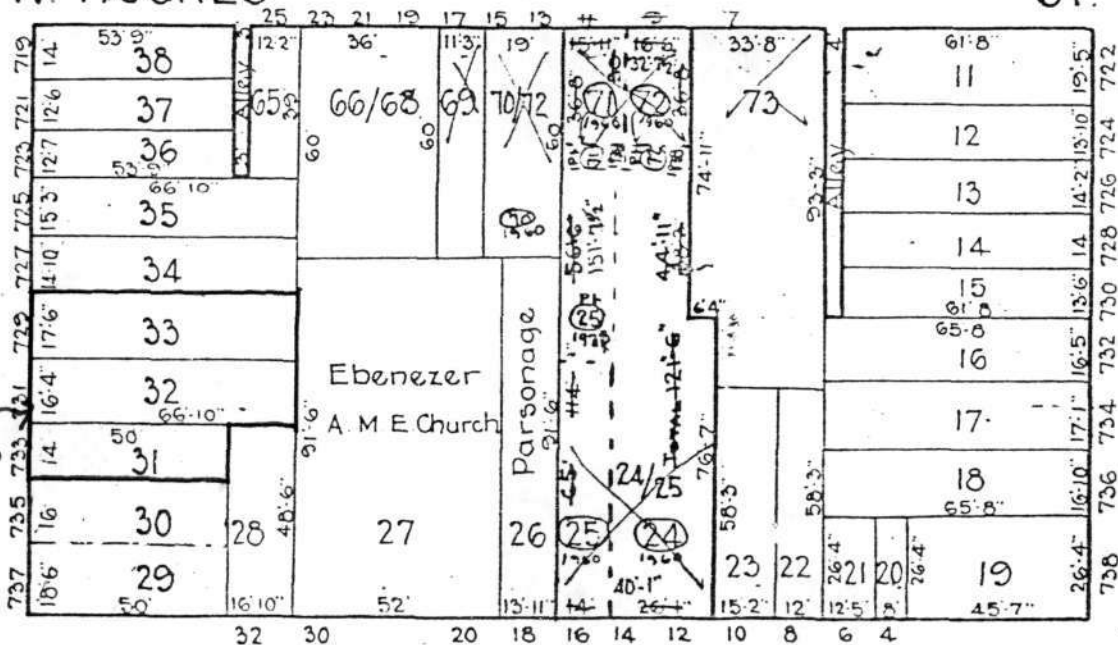


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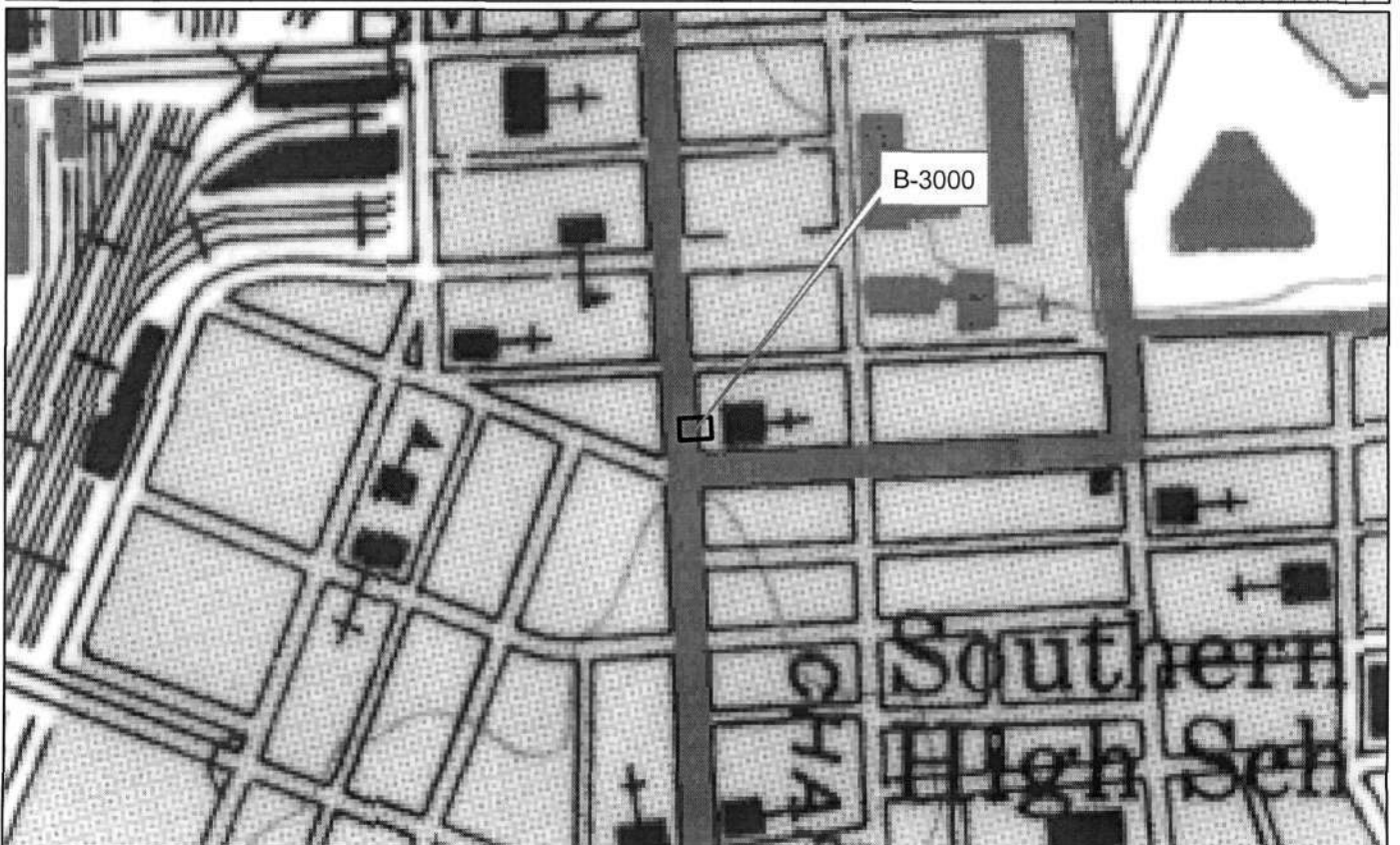
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729-733 S. Hanover St

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West elevation